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EVALUATION OF FINANCIAL PROBLEMS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has handed over evaluation of the financial problems being faced by the private cellular operators to the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices;

(b) if so, whether the Bureau has expressed its inability to give its recommendations without carrying out complete study of the Telecom Sector;

(c) if so, whether the DoT has now decided to hand over the evaluation of the said problems to the ICICI; and

(d) if so, the time by which the study report is likely to be submitted by ICICI?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (d): Sir, a Study of Cellular Service Industry was entrusted to Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices and its Report was received on 9.11.1998. ICICI had also conducted a quick appraisal of the Cellular Industry and had submitted its report in June 1998. These Reports were, inter-alia, taken into consideration by the Government, while taking a policy decision in July, 1999 in favour of offer of Migration Package to existing Cellular Operators for shift to revenue sharing regime of National Telecom Policy-1999.